The Heritage of Fayette County, Alabama

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Two Pioneer Families in Fayette County, Alabama

In the fall of 1844 the Bobo Family arrived in Fayette County, Alabama. One of the Bobs who settled in Fayette County was Livingston Bobo, son of Tillman and Beulah (Yarbrough) Bobo of Union County, S.C. Livingston, born 1806. S.C. married Sally Rainwater, born 1808, S.C., daughter of Miles and Nancy (Miles) Rainwater. Tillman Bobo, the father, died earlier in 1844 and was buried near Cross Keys, S.C. Livingston and Sally had six children. Their son, Miles Starling Bobo, born about 1834, S.C. married Lucy Ann Allen.

in Fayette County. Miles served in the Confederate Army. Their son William T. Bobo, born 1868, Fayette County, married in 1894, Lula V. (Dickinson) born 1875, Fayette County, was daughter of J. Frank and M. Evelyn (Dickinson), Dickinson. William T. was an ordained Deacon of the Missionary Baptist Church. Their farm was located north of Fayette. They had eight children.

Lula’s grandfather’s were cousins. Her paternal grandparents - Peyton I. and Nancy Ann (Davis) Dickinson. Peyton served in the Confederate Army, and maternal grandparents - Richard B. and Mary S. (Whitley) Dickinson. Richard was in the Spanish-American War.

Another pioneer family, Joseph Patterson and wife Nancy lived in Elbert County, Ga. before coming to Fayette County about 1820. Joseph was the son of Margaret (Baskin) and John Patterson of Elbert County. They had five children. Their son Samuel J. Patterson, born in 1804 in Elbert County was married to "Jalie" Green (Richards) daughter of James and Lovey (Mercer) Richards. They had eight children.

Samuel settled in southern Fayette County, near the present Concord Baptist Church. When Samuel became ill, before he was unable to get about, went, cane in hand, to a nice spot on his land and marked where he wanted to be buried. He died in 1864 and his grave was the first in the Patterson Family Cemetery.

Samuel and Jolie Patterson had eight children. Their son Joseph J. was born in 1842, Fayette County. He married Cenath A. (Rice), daughter of Jeptha and Palatine (Davis) Rice, born 1846, Fayette County. Joseph J. Patterson served in the Confederate Army. He was ordained to the Ministry of the Missionary Baptist Church in 1887. He and Cenath were the parents of ten children.

Their oldest son, William Castle Patterson, born in 1866, Fayette County married Maranda Jane (Doughty) daughter of Joseph Franklin and Rachel (Boozer) Doughty. Cenath was born in 1869, Fayette County. William C. Patterson was an ordained Deacon of Concord Baptist Church. They had three children.

The youngest child was Victor Samuel "Mr. Pat" Patterson, Sr. born 1895, Fayette County. He married Lucy Evelyn “Miss Lucy” (Bobo), born 1895, Fayette County. She was the daughter of William T. and Lula V. (Dickinson) Bobo. Victor, Sr. served in the United States Army in World War I.

Shortly after the War, Victor and Lucy were married at Fayette. He worked for Birmingham Electric Company operating a street car on Highland Avenue and had the privilege of having Bro. Bryan as one of his daily passengers.

Victor and Lucy returned to Fayette and owned a Dry Cleaning Business. During this time they compounded the formula for Golden Eagle Syrup and established the Golden Eagle Syrup Business in O Elbert 1928. The business remained in the family until 1986. Both were active in the Church activities at Fayette First Baptist Church.

They were the parents of two children, Victor, Jr. born 1929, Fayette, and married 1939, Mary Louise (Wright) daughter of B.M.
He served during World War II in the Atlantic area. He worked at Red-
stone Arsenal, with Dr. Werner Von Broum in the Space Program after
his discharge from the Navy, later returning to Fayette to work in
the family business. He was a Baptist Deacon. He and Mary Lou

Victor, Sr. and Lucy had one daughter, Jeannie, born 1924, Fay-
ette. After graduation from high school Jeannie attended Monte-
vallo College. After Montevallo, she worked as Secretary and
Bookkeeper in the family business, Golden Eagle Syrup Co.

Jeannie married Herbert Newell, Jr., born 1925, Evans Green, Ala-
abama, son of H.M. Newell, Sr. and Mable (Fallin) Newell. Herbert
enlisted in the U.S. Navy one year after Pearl
Harbor at age 17. He served during World War II in the Pacific
area. He came back to Birmingham, Alabama and worked as an
accountant while he was attending Birmingham Business College,
where he received his degree in accounting.

Herbert was ordained as a Deacon at Fayette First Baptist
Church on September 10, 1952. He and Jeannie worked with the
youth at the Church and have served in numerous areas of the
Church activities. He started working with the Accountant of Golden
Eagle Syrup Mfg. Co., Inc., which was owned by Jeannie’s parents.
He was elected Councilman of City of Fayette 1972 and served in
that capacity until he retired from seeing reelection in September,

Herbert and Jeannie have one son, H.M. Newell, III, born 1956,
Fayette. He grew up in Fayette and graduated from Fayette Coun-
ty High School and entered Samford University and upon gradu-
ation entered Cumberland School of Law.

Herbert, III married 1977 Susan Lynn (Goins), born 1955, Birm-
ingham, daughter of William T. and Helen (Addison) Goins. Susan
graduated from Samford and was teaching in Tuscaloosa since
1981. H.M., III has been an Attorney At Law in Tuscaloosa
since 1981. He and Susan have one son, Herbie, IV, born 1979.

Tuscumbia, who is presently attending Samford University,

Herebert, III is an ordained Deacon at Tuscaloosa First Baptist
Church. He and Susan teach in the Youth Department. Submitted
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Tuscaloosa, Ala.

My Bobo / Tucker Heritage

My grandfather Andrew Jackson Tucker (1889-1968) was a Renais-
sance man. He was only educated through the third grade, yet
he continued to be an avid student just as well as a voracious read-
er throughout his entire life. He had some musical ability; his
music allowed him escape from a difficult world. To me, his dry
sense of humor kept me laughing — his knowledge of the Scripture
kept me awed.

Papa Tucker, as many called him, married Flossia Velma
Sawyer (1889) in 1913 and was the father of four children: Horace
Bedford, Myrtle Isabella (Aldridge), Lois (Bobo), and Bessie Mae
(Bagwell). His children all had musical ability, a dry sense of
humor, and an amazing knowledge of the Scriptures which he had
each child quote before going to school and before going to bed.
Flossia was a busy woman who got in a tizzy on occasion at which
time Papa would whistle the base line of a hymn to block her out.
Yet, their relationship was certainly one of love and respect
throughout their married lives.

Papa was responsible for the beginning of the Cleveland Church
of Christ in the Bankston area. He served as an elder there for
many years. His lifelong desire was to see the church grow, hoping
one day to see a new building erected. (It was!) Papa served as a
counselor, spiritual advisor, and confidant to many in the small
farming community. His cool head and logical ways allowed him to
make firm decisions. He, this sharecropper of little means, impact-
ed many a life including mine.

Ray and Lois Bobo, my parents, were married on May 14, 1939,
most sixty years ago. They have remained sweethearts through-
t their life — each other’s best friend. They provided a wonder-
ful home for me, Anita Gordon, and my brother, Foy Bobo. They
passed on a loving heritage of love for God, family, country, and
their fellowman. They taught us respect for authority, respect for
property, and respect for all God’s creation. We know the value of
a dollar even though we may not have worked as hard as our par-
ents to get it.

Valcus Bobo Family

Cecil Valcus Bobo (1905-1970) and Eva Inez McDonald Bobo
(1908-present) married October 16, 1928 in Fayette County.

Valcus, the son of Oliver Lee Bobo and Minnie Lee Dodson Bobo,
had ten brothers and sisters: Emmett, Ewell, Ralph, Sam, Nellie,
Julius, Anna Banks, Clyde Thomas, Betty Joe, and Lochie.

Eva, the daughter of John McDonald and Melia Ann May
McDonald had seven brothers and sisters: Raymond, Ulus,
Woodrow, Joe, Willie Banks, Mary Etma, and Johnnie Lou. They
were from the Waside community. The older children attended
Ole Union School and the younger ones attended Waside before
going to on to high school at Winfield, Fayette, or Hubbertville.

Valcus and Eva’s children are Joe Nell Hollingsworth and Cecil
Valcus Bobo, Jr. Jo Nell married Caldwell Hollingsworth of Hub-
bertville in 1953. Their daughter is Diane Hollingsworth Fisher.
My husband, William Dennis Fisher. Their children are Stephanie,
Cecil Bobo married Sarah McCaleb of Hubbertville in 1960. Their

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